

Vicky Coffee-Fletcher

Biographical Sketch

Vicky Coffee-Fletcher has committed more than 23 years to enhancing mental health resources and supports for consumers, children, youth and families through her work in community-based social services. She has held a variety of clinical and administrative positions in children's mental health, education and child welfare, primarily in Texas.

In 2005, the Texas Legislature enacted the Family Focus Initiative of Child Protective Services to increase services and supports to children and families who have experienced abuse and neglect. Mrs. Coffee-Fletcher was hired as the first division administrator for the Family Focus Division in the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, where she was responsible for developing programs and policies mandated by Senate Bill 6. These programs required the department to enhance family participation and involvement in their plans of service regarding decisions being made about their children and family.

Mrs. Coffee-Fletcher joined the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health in 2007 where she currently leads initiatives to improve the mental health of children and their families in Houston, enhance the mental health workforce, and promote consumer, youth and family involvement in mental health policies and services in Texas.

She is a founding member of the Austin Area African American Behavioral Health Professionals Network. She also has served on the planning committee and as a presenter for the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference since its inception in 2000. The 10th annual conference held in 2010 convened over 650 participants around mental health in the African American community. At the 2011 conference Coffee-Fletcher was awarded the Richard Hopkins Torch Award for Community Leader.

Currently she is a member of the Child Protective Services State Task Force on Disproportionality developed to identify strategies for a cross-systems approach to addressing the overrepresentation of African Americans in social service systems. Previously, she was appointed by the governor as a member of the State of Texas Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education. She also served on the board of the Regional Network for Children.

Mrs. Coffee-Fletcher holds a bachelor's degree in child and family development and a master's degree, both from Texas State University-San Marcos. She is a licensed professional counselor and a certified licensed professional counselor supervisor.

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